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In the application of:

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated June 26, 2002 (Paper No. 7), in which claims 1-26 were under consideration. In that Office Action, claims 1-26, all of the claims in the application, have been finally rejected on various bases. In this Amendment, claims 1 and 8-20 have been cancelled; claims 2-7, 21, 24, and 25 have been amended.

For purposes of 37 CFR 1.116, please note that the material of claim 1 has been introduced into formerly dependent claims 21, 24, and 25. Claims 21, 24, and 25 are now independent claims. A like number of independent claims (claims 1, 8, and 15) have been cancelled. The total number of claims is fewer after this Amendment than before the Amendment. The claims formerly

depending from cancelled claim 1 (i.e., claims 2-7) now depend from claim 21. No new issue is presented by this amendment. The issues and rejections noted by cancellation of claims 1 and 8-20 are not now present upon any appeal of these claims.

Applicant will petition for entry of this Amendment if, in a subsequent Advisory Action, it is not entered.

Allowance of this application is appropriate and is requested.